IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR.H.L.DATTU
&
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE K.T.SANKARAN

TUESDAY, THE 26TH JUNE 2007 / 5TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 19626 of 2007(S)

PETITIONER:
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1. T.D. SEBASTIAN, S/O. DEVASSY,
AGED 45 YEARS, RESIDING AT THUNDIPARAMBIL HOUSE,
KARTHEDOM, MALIPPURAM P.O. (STATE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBER, NATIONALIST FISHING WORKERS
CONGRESS).

2. C.M. DEVASSY, AGED 42 YEARS,
RESIDING AT CHOOTHAMPARAMBIL HOUSE,OCHANTHURUTH PO
(FORMER PRESIDENT, VYPIN BLOCK PANCHAYATH).

BY ADV. SRI.C.T.JESTIN

RESPONDENTS:
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1. UNION OF INDIA,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, NEW DELHI.

2. STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY CHIEF SECRETARY,
SECRETARIAT, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

R1 BY ASST.S.G. SRI P.PARAMESWARAN NAIR
R2 BY SR.G.P.SRI M.R.SABU

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 26/06/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

H.L. DATTU, C.J. & K.T. SANKARAN, J.

W.P.(C) No.19626 of 2007

Dated, this the 26th day of June, 2007

JUDGMENT

H.L. DATTU, CJ.

Petitioners call themselves as public spirited citizens and also tax payers. They are before this court for the following reliefs. They are as under:

> "i) Issue a writ of mandamus or appropriate writ or order or direction, directing the respondents to expedite their efforts to release Mr. Simon Soza from the Maldivian authorities;
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> ii) Issue such other relief that this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case."

2. In our opinion the petitioners do not have a locus standi to maintain this writ petition. For that matter, the prayer in the writ petition by no stretch of imagination can be said is in the nature of a public interest litigation. Therefore, we decline to entertain this writ petition. Accordingly this writ petition is rejected. Ordered accordingly.

H.L. DATTU,
CHIEF JUSTICE.

K.T. SANKARAN,
JUDGE.

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